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1. **FRANCE: Communist mass action expected in Spring--**
 US Embassy Paris reports that qualified non-Communist labor observers are convinced that the Communists are actively preparing for various forms of mass action, probably in April or May, when the General Confederation of Labor will be able to estimate more accurately the total number of its dues-paying adherents. The Embassy adds that public demands by Communist labor leaders for constant revision of wages indicate that the Communist aim is to keep France in a "permanent pre-revolutionary ferment" until the moment for decisive action. The Embassy notes a growing fear that the non-Communist Force Ouvriere may feel compelled to go along with Communist wage demands.

According to the Embassy, the Communists are reportedly encountering considerable lethargy among the workers but are making rapid progress among the agrarian population, because of the "indignation" aroused among farmers and farm workers by the various stringent measures which the Government has recently taken to salvage the national economy.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs with this estimate of present Communist tactics and objectives.)

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